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Governor Baker Nominates Jane E. Mulqueen to the Superior Court and David W. Griffin to the Juvenile Court

BOSTON— Today, Governor Charlie Baker nominated Jane E. Mulqueen as an Associate Justice of the Superior Court and David W. Griffin as an Associate Justice of the Juvenile Court. Mulqueen has over 25 years of experience with the Hampden County and Northwestern District Attorney's Offices, serving since 2011 as the Chief of the Special Victims Unit for the Hampden County DA's Office. Griffin spent the first decade of his career as a social worker and has practiced law for 17 years, primarily in the Juvenile Court.

"Attorneys Mulqueen and Griffin are accomplished lawyers whose careers demonstrate exceptional levels of compassion and care," **said Governor Baker.** "I commend their dedication to working with some of the most vulnerable members of our community and I am pleased to submit their names for the Governor's Council's advice and consent."

"I appreciate Attorney Mulqueen's devotion to helping those struggling with addiction in her community and Attorney Griffin's dedication to pro-bono legal work for sexual assault victims. It is evident these individuals, in addition to rising to the top of their fields as practitioners, are committed to making a real difference in their communities." **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito.**

The Superior Court is a statewide court of general jurisdiction - handling both criminal and civil actions. The court's 82 justices sit in 20 courthouses in all 14 counties of the Commonwealth. The court has exclusive original jurisdiction of first degree murder cases and original jurisdiction of all other crimes.

For more information about the Superior Court, please visit:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/trial-court/sc/>

The Juvenile Court Department is a statewide court with jurisdiction over civil and criminal matters including delinquencies, youthful offender cases, care and protections and children requiring assistance cases. The Juvenile Court has 41 judges, including the Chief Justice, in over 40 locations.

For more information about the Juvenile Court, please visit:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/trial-court/juv/>

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor's Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February, 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the Commonwealth's diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later appointed to the JNC in April, 2015.

About Jane E. Mulqueen

Jane E. Mulqueen currently serves in the Hampden County District Attorney's Office as the Chief of the Special Victims Unit in Springfield. Previously, Mulqueen worked in the Northwestern District Attorney's Office in Northampton in a variety of roles including Chief of the Child Abuse Unit, Special Projects Director of the Child Abuse Unit, and District Court Prosecutor of the Child Abuse Unit. She graduated from Russell Sage College with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Science and earned her *Juris Doctorate* from the Albany Law School of Union University in 1991. She is a member of the South Hadley Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coalition where she works with community members to initiate and coordinate prevention and intervention efforts to reduce youth substance abuse. Mulqueen also serves as the President of the Booster Association of South Hadley, where she resides, and has coached youth soccer for nearly ten years.

About David W. Griffin

David W. Griffin has served as a solo practitioner for over 15 years after working as a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, Case Manager for the Mental Health Department of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts and Social Worker for the Gifford School in Weston. Griffin graduated from Providence College with a Bachelor of Arts in 1987 and earned a Master in Social Work from the University of Pennsylvania in 1989. In 2000, he earned his *Juris Doctorate* from Suffolk University Law School. Griffin has devoted pro-bono legal work for the Victim Rights Law Center

which provides comprehensive legal services for sexual assault victims in Massachusetts. He currently serves as a mentor for new attorneys for Committee for Public Counsel Services' Children and Family Law Division. He currently lives in Boston.

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